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For: INFORMATION TRANSMISSION )  
METHOD, INFORMATION )  
PROCESSING METHOD, )  
INFORMATION TRANSMISSION )  
SYSTEM, AND DATA )  
PROCESSING APPARATUS )

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